

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 2928-004]

**Merrimac Paper Company, Inc.; Notice
Establishing Procedures for
Relicensing and a Deadline for
Submission of Final Amendments**

January 8, 1998.

The license for the Merrimac Hydro Project No. 2928, located on the Merrimack River in Essex County, near Lawrence, Massachusetts, will expire on November 30, 1999. On September 29, 1997, an application for subsequent license was filed. The following is an approximate schedule and procedures that will be followed in processing the application:

Date	Action
March 1, 1998	Commission notifies applicant that its application has been accepted and specifies the need for additional information and due date.
March 1, 1998	Commission issues public notice of the accepted application establishing dates for filing motions to intervene and protests.
May 1, 1998	Commission's deadline for applicant for filing a final amendment, if any, to its application.
January 15, 1999 ..	Commission notifies all parties and agencies that the application is ready for environmental analysis.

Upon receipt of all additional information and the information filed in response to the public notice of the acceptance of the application, the Commission will evaluate the application in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and take appropriate action on the application.

Any questions concerning this notice should be directed to Mark Pawlowski at (202) 219-2795.

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[Docket No. CP98-167-000]

**PG&E Gas Transmission—Northwest;
Notice of Application**

January 8, 1998.

Take notice that on December 30, 1997, PG&E Gas Transmission—Northwest (PG&E) [formerly Pacific Gas Transmission Company], 2100 Southwest River Parkway, Portland, Oregon 97201, filed in the above-referenced docket, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing PG&E to install and operate additional compression at three existing compressor stations, all as more fully set forth in the application that is on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and open to public inspection.

PG&E states that the purpose of this project is to increase system compression by upgrading two existing compressor units at its Compressor Station 4 near Standpoint, Idaho, one unit at its Compressor Station 7 near Starbuck, Washington, and one unit at its Compressor Station 9 in Morrow County, Oregon. PG&E further states that the additional compression to be added will allow it to offer additional firm service between Kingsgate, British Columbia and Standfield, Oregon of 56,000 Dth/d on an annual basis, and an additional firm service between Kingsgate and Malin, Oregon of 20,000 Dth/d during the four months of November through February. PG&E has executed transportation agreements for the additional capacity with Avista Energy, Inc., Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C., El Paso Energy Marketing Canada, Inc., Montana Power Trading and Marketing Company, and Poco Marketing Ltd.

The total cost of the compression facilities is estimated to be \$6,000,000, which will be financed using funds on hand. PG&E proposes to install the additional compression in order to provide the additional transportation service beginning November 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 29, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the